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additional property tax...or with additional tax revenue raised from the broadened sales tax base,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...in Omaha, Nebraska, doesn't have to go to build an arena and convention center. The MOCSEA people have always said there should be a vote of the people. We could...we could put in an amendment that says the people will vote, but guess what? As the sheet indicates that we've distributed to you, I don't have the color right now, you're either going to spend it for capital improvements or you're going to spend it for tax relief. What kind of tax relief? Well, \$44 million, if you didn't spend it for anything else, would be a 60 percent reduction in the property taxes assessed to the property owners in the city of Omaha. And while it's impossible for us, at least, to calculate it, the \$50 million that would be raised by the local option sales tax on the expended tax...expanded tax base in all the other cities could be a 44 percent further reduction in the property tax of those cities. This enlarges the critical mass,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...increases the opportunity to be responsive and to be dynamically responsive to people who are demanding it and are entitled to it because we work for them.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I support the motion to pull the bill from committee. I've been known to not only ask this body to do that, but have even voted for that from time to time. Secondly, I support pulling that bill from the committee because it will be the only opportunity that I would have to be able to put an amendment on that bill that would provide municipalities all across the state the additional flexibility and authority to levy an additional half-cent sales tax. Now, third, I want to commend Senator Brashear for bringing this proposal to us. Obviously, this is the only effective venue he has for providing this concept to